(b) and (c) The Scheme of Bharat Nirman has been announced with the purpose to focus the attention on development the rural infrastructure with six components of Irrigation, Rural Drinking Water, Rural Roads, Rural Housing, Rural Electrification and Rural Telephone Connectivity. The Government have recently announced the Scheme for Support to Public Private Partnership (PPP) in infrastructure wherein viability support would be provided to infrastructure projects taken up under the scheme. In addition, a scheme to provide long term debt to infrastructure projects through India Infrastructure Finance Company Limited (IIFCL) has also been announced. Although the scheme/company is not dedicated to rural infrastructure but its activities can cover rural areas as well.

Suggestions of NAC for giving new form to RES

†1631. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering the suggestion made by the National Advisory Council for bringing expediency in giving new form to Rural Employment Scheme and co-operative machinery for their active operation; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) and (b) The National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005 has been notified on 7.9.2005. Under the Act, Rural Employment Guarantee Schemes are to be formulated by the State Governments. The State Governments have been instructed to formulate Rural Employment Guarantee Schemes under the Act. Suggestions have been made by the National Advisory Council for the effective implementation of the National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005.

Wage fixed for NREGS

†1632. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(a) whether it is a fact that under National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme every labourer will be given the wage as much as recently announced by Government for the agricultural labourer;

(b) if so, the daily wages for every skilled and unskilled labourer henceforth; and

(c) the extent to which this wage exceeds from the earlier fixed daily wages?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT(SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) to (c) The National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005 has been notified on 7.9.2005. Under the Act, Rural Employment Guarantee Schemes are to be formulated by the State Governments. The State Governments have been instructed to formulate Rural Employment Guarantee Schemes under the Act. The National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005 provides for a legal guarantee for at least 100 days of wage employment in a financial year to every rural households whose adult members volunteer to do unskilled manual work. Persons working under the Scheme made under the Act shall be entitled to wages as per minimum wage rate fixed by the State Government concerned for agricultural labourers under Minimum Wages Act, 1948 unless the wages have been notified by the Central Government under Section 6(1) of the Act provided that the wage rate specified from time to time under any such notification shall not be at a rate less than sixty rupees per day. The wages of skilled labourer will be as fixed by the concerned State Governments.

Meeting of the Rural Development Secretaries for PMGSY

1633. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have convened a meeting of Rural Development Secretaries regarding slow implementation of the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana;

(b) if so, the details thereof;